



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION OF HEALTH PROGRAMS

Milwaukee County

General Assistance – Medical Program

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Dear GAMP Patient,

Several changes are happening to your health care benefits. I want to take the time to explain these changes and how they will affect you.

The State will be starting a new benefit called the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults. You may have already heard in the news or from a friend that GAMP will no longer be available after the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults begins. Even though this is true, it does not mean you will be without health care benefits.

As a GAMP patient, you will be automatically enrolled in the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults for 2009.

GAMP and the state are working together to make the change in benefits as easy as possible for you. Also in this letter is information about BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults covered services and co-payments.

Below are some important facts you need to know about your GAMP benefits and the change to the Core Plan.

- Your GAMP coverage will end on December 31, 2008. You can still see your doctor or purchase your medications until this date. GAMP will not authorize any services past this date.
- If your GAMP is supposed to end in November or December we have extended your coverage to the end of the year. You do not need to renew your GAMP benefits.
- Make sure the GAMP office has your current mailing address.
- GAMP will be sending your information to the state to automatically enroll you in the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults for January 1, 2009. You will not need to pay an enrollment fee for the first year. You will not need to renew your eligibility for this program until January, February or March of 2010. You will receive a notice telling when you will need to renew your benefits.
- Effective January 1, 2009, you will be able to see any doctor that accepts BadgerCare Plus (Medicaid). Your current GAMP clinic accepts BadgerCare Plus.
- In the spring of 2009, you will be asked to choose an HMO (Health Maintenance Organization). Once you choose the HMO, you must receive your services there.
- The Wisconsin Department of Health Services will be sending you a Forward Health card, a letter to tell you more about the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults and a packet to help you choose your HMO.
- You will be required to have a physical exam during your enrollment in the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults in order to renew your eligibility in January, February or March of 2010.

Do you still have questions about this letter? You may contact the GAMP office at 289-5700 for help.

Sincerely,

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